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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

Serial No.: 09/975,386  
Filed: October 11, 2001  
For: Insulation Blanket With Cut Guidelines  
Inventors: Kenneth D. Knapp  
Examiner: A, Phi Dieu Tran  
Art Unit: 3637  
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**REPLY BRIEF**

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Sir:

**THE EXAMINER'S ANSWER LACKS CREDIBILITY**

The Examiner's Answer, on page 3, three lines from the bottom states that:

Ernest (figure 2) shows a blanket of fibrous building  
insulating... (sic)

That statement is flatly untrue. Ernest shows a "forced gas appliance" with insulation in it [col. 2 L. 42-51]. It has absolutely *nothing* to do with a *building*.

The Examiner's Answer states at page 4 lines 7-8:

Ernest (figure 2) shows... spots of adhesive visible through the  
perforations *at the second sheet surface* of the facing sheet...